



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021, 4:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem John W. Moore
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner John Kilby
Commissioner David DiOrio

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
Shannon Baldwin, Town Manager

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and gave the invocation. Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner John Kilby seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the public to speak.

Darren Blum, 206 Yacht Island Drive, introduced himself as a new resident to Town stating that he has applied for and is willing to serve on any Town board. He expressed interest in the Town still offering meetings via Zoom as well as in person meetings as a second option for the public. Mayor Pritchett explained that Zoom would no longer be utilized now that meetings are being held in-person but noted that public comments can be emailed to the Town Clerk for anyone that is not able to attend a meeting in person to make those comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any proposed changes before calling for action.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner John Moore seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

- A. Adoption of the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 11, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no unfinished business items to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. MICHAEL CLARKE TO APPEAL CIVIL CIATION NO. 000826

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens explained the appeal request. He stated that Michael Clarke received a civil citation by Officer Shuford on April 15, 2021 for operating a boat without a valid permit. Mr. Clarke provided a letter to the Marine Commission expressing his intent to appeal the citation. Mr. Clarke explained in the letter that he and his wife were operating his mother-in-law's boat (Denise Badillo) and were not aware that the permit was expired. He also noted in the letter that a current permit was purchased and expressed his apologies. Mr. Givens pointed out that Mr. Clarke was sent a letter from the Lake Lure Police Department, dated April 15th, that the \$125 civil citation fine must be paid within 30 days from receiving the citation. The letter explained that if he appealed and the appeal was awarded, he would be refunded that amount. Mr. Givens reported that the civil citation fine was never paid and the 30 days has passed.

Mr. Baldwin questioned if the Board should accept Mr. Clarke's letter of appeal since he was not present at the hearing and Attorney Morgan felt that the Board understands his position and could go ahead and either make a decision or table until another time when Mr. Clarke is present. Mr. Givens explained that the owner of the boat being driven by Mr. Clarke must pay the citation if Mr. Clarke fails to pay it.

Commissioner DiOrio expressed his appreciation to the Lake Lure Police Department for their work patrolling the Lake. Commissioner Kilby pointed out that the Marina sold around 50 permits this past weekend from people who were stopped on the Lake for not having valid permits. LAB Chairman Mark Helms noted that they were mostly non-motorized permits.

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The Board agreed that they cannot set a precedent by approving an appeal from someone to not pay a civil fine for not having a valid boat permit. Commissioner DiOrio pointed out that there has not been an influx in the number of boat permits sold this year versus what has been sold in the past. He explained that COVID has brought in a lot of people to Lake Lure and there has been increased activity on the Lake.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to deny the request from Michael Clarke for an appeal of Civil Citation No. 000826. Commissioner David DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner John Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

Olivia Stewman,
Town Clerk

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett